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COMMUNIQUE NO. 1/74; OTHER RELATED INCIDENTS

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1. JANUARY 5 NEWSPAPERS CARRY COMMUNIQUE NO. 1/74 OF PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMAND STATING THAT "TERRORISTS" CARRIED OUT TWO ACTIONS ON NIGHT OF DECEMBER 31/JANUARY 1 AGAINST MOZAMBICAN RAILROADS. FIRST WAS AGAINST PASSENGER TRAIN RUNNING BETWEEN MACHIPANDA (ON RHODESIAN BORDER) AND VILA PERY, WHICH RAN OVER AND SET OFF EXPLOSIVE CHARGE DERAILING THREE CARRIAGES, CAUSING SOME MATERIAL DAMAGE, AND LIGHTLY INJURING ONE PERSON. (NOTE: THIS PARTIALLY CONFIRMS ATTACK REPORTED REF A). SECOND, WAS AGAINST MAIL TRAIN PROCEEDING FROM MOATIZE RAN OVER MINE AT KILOMETER 283 BETWEEN SENA

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AND CAIA. EXPLOSION DERAILED LOCOMOTIVE AND EIGHT EMPTY

TANK WAGONS. ENGINE-DRIVER WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED. PURSUIT OPERATIONS AGAINST TERRORIST GROUPS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TWO ACTIONS WERE LAUNCHED IMMEDIATELY AND ARE STILL IN PROGRESS.

2. RAND DAILY MAIL OF JAN 3 BESIDES MENTIONING ABOVE TWO INCIDENTS, REPORTED NINE CARS OF FREIGHT TRAIN DERAILED BY MINE EXPLOSION AT MALVERNIA, NEAR RHODESIAN BORDER AND MORE THAN 100 METERS OF TRACK TORN UP. (NOTE: THIS NOT CONFIRMED BY PORTUGUESE OR ANY OTHER SOURCES AND MAY BE ON RHODESIAN SIDE OF BORDER.) SAME ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS TWO PORTUGUESE ARMY VEHICLES FIRED ON NEAR VILA MANICA ON MAIN UMTALI-BEIRA ROAD ON JAN 1.

3. JOHANNESBURG STAR AND RHODESIAN HERALD OF JAN 3 REPORT WATER PUMPING STATIONS AT INHAMOTOPE AND MAZAMBA BETWEEN SENA AND BEIRA ALSO BLOWN UP. THIS UNCONFIRMED BY PORTUGUESE SOURCE.

4. PRESS OF JAN 5 CARRIES OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT STATEMENT THAT COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INVESTIGATING BEECHCRAFT CRASH REPORTED REF B HAS FOUND ACCIDENT NOT CAUSED BY SABOTAGE OR BY "IMPACT OF ANY PROJECTILE FIRED FROM OFFENSIVE WEAPON".
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